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Letter dated 18 September 2009 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to inform you of the decisions taken by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting of the sixty-fourth session, on 18 September 2009, pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections III and IV of the report of the General Committee (A/64/250) concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

May I also draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the same report. Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

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1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees. [item 5]

G. Disarmament

2. Reduction of military budgets: [item 86]
   (a) Reduction of military budgets;
   (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.
3. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace. [item 87]
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    (b) Follow-up to nuclear disarmament obligations agreed to at the 1995 and 2000 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
    (c) Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty);
    (d) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;
    (e) Preventing the acquisition by terrorists of radioactive materials and sources;
    (f) Regional disarmament;
    (g) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;
    (h) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(i) Nuclear disarmament;

(j) Reducing nuclear danger;

(k) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(l) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(m) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(n) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(o) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(p) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(q) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(r) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;

(s) The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation;

(t) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(u) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;

(v) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;

(w) Transparency in armaments;

(x) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(y) Renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons;

(z) Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms;

(aa) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(bb) United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament.

13. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: [item 97]

(a) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(b) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(c) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(e) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa.

14. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: [item 98]

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(b) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

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17. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region. [item 101]

18. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. [item 102]

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